



Elida Immanuel Messenger NEWSLETTER

September '19

Pastor Connection

Randy's Story

Rachel and I are glad to be a part of the Elida Immanuel family. We are enjoying the continual process of getting to know each of you better. This is a wonderful church with a rich, spiritual heritage. We especially like the fact that this church believes in the authority of God's Word and stands firm on it. In this article, Rachel and I will attempt to share more of our story with you, so that you can come to know us better.

I grew up in a Christian home in small towns in rural Nebraska where my father was a United Methodist pastor and my mother taught school, sometimes in small one-room school houses. I am the oldest of three boys, Randy, Stan and Keith. My parents' names are Milan and Marjorie Coleman. You might be surprised, but everyone in our family is tall. My Dad in his prime stood about 6'3" and my mother at 5'8". In addition to my 6'6" frame, my brothers are 6'5" and 6'4" respectfully. So, around us, you feel as though you are in the land of the giants, even more so with tall cousins and now two tall children, Robert at 6'7" and Rebecca at 6'1". We could all be a basketball team.

I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior at the young age of 5 in a family devotional time. I had many times of rededication throughout my growing up years, but none so important as the full surrender to Christ at the altar of Hughes Auditorium at Asbury University in the fall of 1979. The Asbury years were a significant time of spiritual growth. And that's where Rachel and I met in a Sunday school class at Wilmore United Methodist Church during my sophomore year. We didn't start dating until the next year, however, and that's another story for another time. It's sufficient to say, that we fell in love very quickly and were later married after Rachel's graduation.

I went on to study at Asbury Seminary just across the street from the college in 1988 with a Master of Divinity degree. At the same time Rachel studied and taught at the University of Kentucky, and I was a student pastor at two small rural churches in northern Kentucky. During that time, Robert was born at Humana Hospital in Lexington on October 23, 1986.

After seminary, we went to Huntington, Indiana where I was an associate pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1988-1991. Rebecca was born during that time at Bluffton Hospital on November 21, 1988. From there we went on to study Spanish in Costa Rica for one year from 1991 to '92, mostly for my benefit as Rachel already was fluent in Spanish. Our years of ministry in Ecuador of discipleship, pastoral, and training of national leaders, were remarkable years of God's blessings and growth in so many ways. I felt blessed to be a part of God's missionary force there. God's missionary gift that he planted within us has never left. It has continued strong stateside as well with our ministry to college students at Asbury and then lead pastorates at Belmont UMC in Dayton, and now here at Elida Immanuel Church. I sense it a great blessing to be here as your pastor. May God bless and guide us all.

Pastor Randy

Connecting Families to Christ

Immanuel Connection



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Sunday Schedule

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. Connection Time
10:45 A.M. Contemporary Service

Sunday —Connection Zone—

Children & Youth Classes

Birth–35 Months..... Kidz Konnect Nursery
3 Years–Kindergarten.....Kidz Konnect Pre-School
1st – 6th Grade.....Kidz Konnect Room
7th–12th Grade..... Youth Connect Room

Adult Classes

Young Adult ClassAdult Connect Room
Pathfinders ClassAdult Connect Room
Friendship Class.....Fellowship Hall

July Giving

2019 Monthly Budget Amount\$24,657.00
Amount Received.....(6/30–7/28).....\$ 28,339.47
Designated Giving.....\$ 2,339.39
Total.....\$26,000.08
10% given to Missions\$ 2,600.00
Total\$23,400.08

August Giving

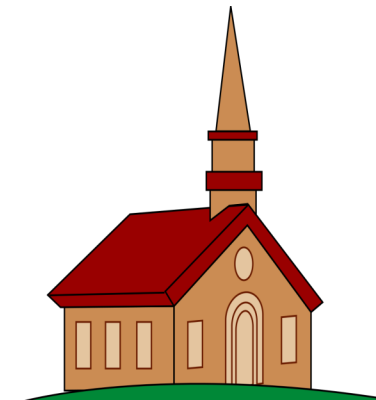
2019 Monthly Budget Amount\$24,657.00
Amount Received.....\$18,318.37
Designated Giving.....\$ 50.00
Total.....\$18,268.37
10% given to Missions.....\$ 1,831.83
Total\$16,436.54



National Back to Church Sunday

and

Blessings of the Backpacks



National Back to Church Sunday is scheduled for September 15th.

You may be asking, what is Back to Church Sunday? Good question. It is a strategic Sunday where most people who do not attend a church actually begin thinking about going to church. That's mostly because it's fall time when school and other activities start up again. Also, it's after Labor Day when people come back from vacation. Did you know that 82% of the unchurched world would be interested in coming to church if invited by a friend, but unfortunately only 2% of church members have invited someone?

So, Back to Church Sunday is a great opportunity to bridge this gap. Over 40,000 churches have participated in the Back to Church Sunday, and most have found it helpful for bringing new people to church. But we need to do our job in making it work. We will have invitation cards for you to pass out to people who may not have attended church in awhile or may be new to the area. Think now about someone that you know, who may want to come to church on that Sunday, and then invite them to come. We will also have outdoor banners inviting people to church on that Sunday. So, come and be apart of Back to Church Sunday, and bring a new person or family with you!



On this same Sunday, we will also have the **Blessings of the Backpacks** for our children in the new school year. We would like to have all students (Pre-K through College) to bring their backpacks to church so they can be prayed over. It will be a great Sunday to invite new families and newcomers to worship our God in celebration of what he is doing in our children's lives.

Pastor Randy

Please keep all students, (Pre-K–College) administration, bus drivers, cafeteria staff and teachers in your prayers as they begin a new school year!





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Active Connection

To All!

Bless you all for your thoughtfulness and kindness to our family. Your fellowship and friendship have been with our whole family throughout our entire lives. We are most grateful to everyone who has embraced our mom and dad in good times and bad. Thank you for the beautiful afghan. May God's goodness continue to shine on this blessed community.

-The Family of Doris Leimbach

Elida Homecoming Parade Sunday, September 22nd @ 4:00 P.M.

This year Elida Immanuel will have a float in the Homecoming Parade. This is our 2nd year to participate in the parade. If you are interested in helping with the float in any way, please contact Kayla Wita @ 419.236.6768 (PS. To those that signed up on the "Opportunities Sheet" Kayla will be in contact with you—very soon!)



M & M LUNCHEON

We are still on
"Summer Break"

Our next luncheon will be Thursday,
October 24th @ Noon. Hope you can join us!

Tom and Sally Murphy,
Coordinators

The Immanuel Library

The adult library is the room east of the "front double doors" of the church!

Judy Long,
Coordinator



The Great House of God by Max Lucado

God's greatest desire is to be your dwelling place -
- the home of your heart. He doesn't want to be merely a weekend getaway. He has no interest in being a Sunday bungalow or even a summer cottage.

He wants to be your mailing address, your point of reference, your home. . . always. He wants you to live in the Great House of God, the literal promise of his Son: "If my people love me, they will obey my teaching. My father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them" (John 14:23).

In The Great House of God, Max Lucado takes you on a tour of the home God intended for you. Warm your heart by the fire in the living room. Nourish your spirit in the kitchen. Seek fellowship in the family room.. Step into the hallway and find forgiveness.

It's the perfect home for you. After all, it was created with you in mind. There's only one home built just for your heart. No house more complete, no structure more solid. The rood never leaks. The walls never creak. The foundation never trembles. In God's house, you're home. So come into the house built just for you. The Father is waiting.

Communion Sunday



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HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

2019 Giving: January-August \$227.00

Monthly Mission donation for September 19: Canned meat
Monthly Mission donation for October '19: Cleaning Supplies

Thank you for being faithful to this Mission Ministry through your "quarter" giving on Communion Sunday! Quarter poles are located at each Sanctuary door.

Please remember to bring at least 1 item per family to worship EACH month in support of the Allentown food Pantry. Your donations make a difference for families and individuals who visit the Allentown food Pantry.

Active Connection

Ladies Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 1st @ 7:00 P.M.

What do you do when your life looks different than what you hoped for or expected? We all can at anytime feel disappointed and disillusioned and begin to wonder about the reality of God's goodness. This fall we will do a 6 week study called, It's Not Suppose to Be This Way by Lysa Terkeust. Through her disappointments in life, she has learned how they can be the divine appointments our souls need to encounter God. She will help us see our lives in the context of God's bigger story and learn how to wrestle well between our faith and our feelings. *Mark the Connection Card if you would like a study guide!*

Linda Hoover
Adult Education Coordinator



YOU WERE HEARD!

Beginning @ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday

October 6th – November 17th

When I announced I was going to do a study about Heaven last spring for the Ladies Bible Study, several who were unable to attend, including men, let me know they would like to do the study. Soooooo, beginning on Sunday, October 6th and ending on Sunday, November 17th I will be offering the study during the Connection Time @ 9:30 A.M.

There is a Discussion Guide that includes additional scripture reading and daily devotions (but not mandatory). If you are planning on attending, please mark the Connection Card and indicate if you would like a Discussion Guide. Any questions, please contact Linda Hoover @ 419-339-3795.



Rachel's Recommended Reading:

For September, I actually want to recommend a pair of books from the 24-7 prayer ministry. These are inspiring, challenging books that will equip you with some practical tools for praying for this community and beyond. *Dirty Glory: Go Where Your Best Prayers Take You*, by Pete Greig, chronicles 15 years of insights gleaned from the 24-7 prayer ministry (NavPress, 2016). *Gatecrashing*, by Brian Heasley, tells of the ministry of prayer and presence on the island of Ibiza, Spain the "Sodom and Gomorrah" of Europe (Muddy Pearl, 2014).

Dinner 4 Dawgs

With the beginning of the school year, Dinner 4 Dawgs is gearing up! Contact has been made with the fall sports teams, and we are establishing dates for the meals. Watch your bulletin and connection card for opportunities to become involved in serving our Elida youth in the name of Jesus!

The beginning of a school year is an exciting and stressful time for everyone. Please pray for the students, faculty, and staff of the Elida Schools that they will experience a safe, rewarding school year!

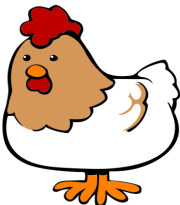
Becky Bollinger
D4D Coordinator

Elida Immanuel's

Chicken and Ham BBQ

Saturday, September

28th @ 4:00—7:00 P.M.



Tickets will be available on Sunday, September 1st @ the Connection Desk. See Gloria Miller or Joyce Brooks to pick up your 10+ tickets. Our goal for 2019 is 1100. We sold 1058 tickets last year and it was the best one yet! We ask that **everyone** help in selling tickets to your friends and family. Work dates are located on the September calendar.

Gloria Miller,
Elida Immanuel Women's Group

Kids Konnect



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

SEPTEMBER:

Area'ya Allen	14th
Owen Smith	22nd
Griffin Mouser	26th

VBS—SPORTS CAMP

Thanks so much to all who helped with Sports Camp this year. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and to those who donated food or money. You helped make this year's camp another great success. We filled our camp again this year and enjoyed our time with the college students that came from UW Sports Ministries. We also had 23 first time decisions for Christ. What a praise!! This year's mission offering of \$495.00 from Sports Camp will be going to "Change for Change" which is a part of UW Sports Ministry. This allows them to take Sports Camp into areas that may not be able to afford to put on a camp. We are so grateful for all our servants and for all the children we were able to minister to this year through camp.



Elida began school on
Tuesday, August 27th.

Please, keep all administration, staff, teachers, and students in your prayers!

Bulldog Believers (students -5th & 6th grade)

We will resume Wednesday, September 25th from 3:00—4:30 P.M.

Invite your friends to join us!

~Kayla Wita, Coordinator



Youth Group

(students -7th—12th grade)

We will resume Sunday, September 8th and meet each Sunday from 6:00—7:30 P.M.

Invite your friends to join us!

~Brandy Hollstein, Coordinator

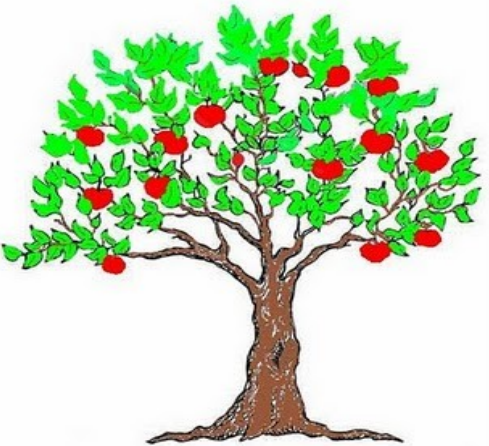


Family Faith Idea



Go for a walk with your children and hunt for unique and interesting rocks as you walk. Bring them home and place them at your front door as a reminder of God's faithfulness just as God asked his people to use stones as reminders of his faithfulness in the book of Joshua.

~Read together Joshua 4: 1-7



Compassion Connection

CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Mrs. Mary Myers
328 Baxter St., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Ryan
6485 Tassel Ct., Westerville, OH 43081

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meyer
4425 W. State Rd., Elida, OH 45807

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Holmes
295 Brookview Ct., Lima, OH 45801

Mrs. Roberta Smith
800 Ambrose Dr. #408, Delphos, OH 45833

Dear Elida Immanuel Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and expressions of welcome as we settle into life here. And special thanks to the servants who worked so tirelessly to prepare the parsonage. We are delighted to be with you and pray God's richest blessings upon you all. We continue to be grateful for your warm welcome and your patience as we learn the culture and history of the church and community.

PS: Just an FYI, we are not currently planning to change our cell phone numbers (too many things linked to those numbers), so if a 937 area code shows up on your caller ID, it's probably one of us!

-Randy and Rachel

Thinking of You!

Please send a card to these folks as often as you can. They truly enjoy reading them over & over!

Mr. & Mrs. Gail Burget
1023 Gilliland Ave.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hooks
801 Cornell Dr.
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Riffle
3501 Diller Rd.
Elida, OH 45807

Ms. Chris Gibbs
3090 N. Kemp Rd.
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Helen Szuch
% Liberty Retirement
Community of Lima
2440 Baton Rouge
Lima, OH 45805

Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Sherrick
7770 Elida Rd.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Mary Myers
328 Baxter St.
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Jean Ann Palmer
1425 E. Fifth St.
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Donna McPheron
604 Sunnydale Ave.
Elida, OH 45807

Mrs. Roberta Smith
800 Ambrose Dr. #408
Delphos, OH 45833

Mrs. Lois Smith
1650 Allentown Rd.
#109
Lima, OH 45805

Hospitalizations

When you are in the hospital or having surgery, please have someone (yourself, a friend or family member) call the church office @ 419-331-2366. If no one is available, leave a message. Messages are checked regularly Monday-Thursday during business hours. Over the weekend, in case of an emergency (life threatening illness or death) please call the parsonage @ 567-712-6765. (NOTE: this is a land line—will not accept text messages)

When you check in at the hospital and they ask you for “your religion”, please inform them you go to Elida Immanuel Church. (And even then, we sometimes do not get contacted by the hospital) *If you simply say that you are protestant or United Methodist, they do not contact the church. It is our job as a church to support you in times of sickness, and your communication is an important part of the equation. Thank you for your help.*

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday BBQ tickets available @ the Connection Desk	2 LABOR DAY  Office Closed	3 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	4 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M. Lima Sister Cities 7:00 P.M.	5 Prayer Time 1:00 P.M.	6	7
8  Youth Group Begins today 6—7:30 P.M.	9	10 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. Watercolors 1:00—4:00 P.M.	11	12 Prayer Time 1:00 P.M.	13 Our Daily Bread 10:00 A.M.	14
15 Back To Church Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks Youth Group 6—7:30 P.M.	16	17 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M. BBQ Work day 9:30 A.M.	18 S.P.O.O.N.S. 8:00—Noon	19 Prayer Time 1:00 P.M.	20	21 Redbird Drop-Off 9:00—Noon
22 Elida Homecoming Parade 4:00 P.M. Youth Group 6—7:30 P.M.	23 Leadership Team 7:00 P.M.	24 Men's Prayer 6:00 A.M.	25 BBQ Work night 6:30 P.M. Bulldog Believers 3:00 -4:30 P.M.	26 Prayer Time 1:00 P.M. BBQ Work night 6:00 P.M.	27 BBQ Work day 9:00 A..M.	28 BBQ Work day 9:00 A..M. Elida Immanuel BBQ 4-7 P.M.
29 Youth Group 6—7:30 P.M.	30 Missions Team 7:00 P.M.					